MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Action was taken according to law. The member did not call for a statement of the number of cases taken up.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know the steps the Government have taken in the year 1104 ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The steps taken are given in the answer.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Was it taken this year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Were not the same steps taken last year also ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Do they take these steps every year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. The law and the rules thereunder have to be followed by the department.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I want to know whether they have taken any steps this year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : This rule has been in operation for so many years.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : If there is a rule it must be followed every year.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I want to know whether any steps have been taken this year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : We have taken the steps under the rules.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : We know it.

Seating accommodation in Motor Buses.

300. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have given a trial to the proposal, for the division of big seats in motor buses by wooden or iron railings into as many compartments as the seating space would allow, made by a member of this House during the last Budget Session of this Council for the efficient checking of overloading in a certain direction ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : A proposal to this effect made by the Commissioner of Police is under the consideration of the Government.

Excise Map of Travancore.

301. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any work has yet (15-11-1104) been begun in the preparation of an Excise map of the State showing the location, distances, etc., of the toddy and arrack shops in the State, which the Excise Commissioner had agreed to do in the last Session of the Legislative Council and when this map will be completed ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no promise to prepare a map. The Excise Commissioner only said that he himself wanted to prepare one. It has not been done so far as the Commissioner considered such a map to be of little utility as shop sites are liable to change with every new contract and as the map if prepared will have to be revised very often if accurate information is desired.

Non-Travancoreans in the Government service.

302. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, showing the number of non-Travancoreans drawing a salary of Rs. 40 and above, their names, respective pay and the departments in which they are working at present (6th July 1929)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to collect statistics in this respect as they consider that the time and labour involved in doing so will be out of all proportion to their possible utility.

Assumption of charge by the New Dewan.

303. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the date and hour when the new Dewan assumed charge of his duties?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 12-15. P. M. on the 24th June, 1989/10th Mithunam, 1104.

Notification announcing the appointment of the new Dewan.

304. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state why no notification was published in the *Government Gazette* in Tamil announcing the appointment of the new Dewan?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The notification in the *Government Gazette* announcing the appointment of the new Dewan was exactly on the lines of similar notifications in the past.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state whether the Government are expected to continue the practice that was observed hitherto by the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not asked in the original question.

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